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SUBJ: TANZANIA- BURUNDI SITUATION

1. SUMMARY: TANZANIA SENDS STRONG PROTEST NOTE TO BURUNDI OVER RECENT ATTACK. BURUNDI AMBASSADOR REFUSES TO COMMENT. BURUNDI GOODS BEGIN TO PILE UP IN DAR ES SALAAM. END SUMMARY.

2. BURUNDI AMBASSADOR TO TANZANIA, PROTAIS MANGONA, WAS SUMMONED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY JULY 3 AND GIVEN FOLLOWING PROTEST NOTE:
QUOTE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT WISHES TO PROTEST IN STRONGEST TERMS POSSIBLE RECENT INVASION OF TANZANIA BY BURUNDI FORCES. ON JUNE 30 (INITIALLY REPORTED THAT ATTACK TOOK PLACE JUNE 29) BURUNDI TROOPS PENETRATED SEVEN MILES INSIDE TANZANIA AND CARRIED OUT SAVAGE ATTACKS IN WHICH EIGHT HOUSES WERE DESTROYED LEAVING SO FAR EIGHT PEOPLE DEAD. ATTACK TOOK PLACE IN MBARAZI VILLAGE IN MZIMBAZILA DIVISION. DEAD VICTIMS OF LATEST UNPROVOKED AGGRESSION FROM BURUNDI COMPRISE FOUR WOMEN, TWO CHILDREN AND TWO MEN. GOT HOLDS BURUNDI FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS ACT OF TERRORISM AND LAWLESSNESS AND CALLS ON BURUNDI GOVERNMENT TO PAY
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IMMEDIATELY FULL COMPENSATION FOR INNOCENT LIVES AND PROPERTY THAT HAVE BEEN DESTROYED IN THIS INCIDENT. GOT DRAWS TO ATTENTION OF BURUNDI GOVERNMENT FACT THAT LATEST AGGRESSION HAS COME JUST ABOUT THREE MONTHS AFTER SIMILAR INVASION WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MARCH 15 THIS YEAR WHEN BURUNDI FORCES INVADED TANZANIA LEAVING 74 PEOPLE DEAD AND MUCH PROPERTY DESTROYED. ALTHOUGH BURUNDI ATTEMPTED TO EVADE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ATTACK, IN NEVERTHELESS LATER ACKNOWLEDGED ITS OWN MISTAKE, APOLOGIZED AND PROMISED TO PAY COMPENSATION FOR LOSS OF LIFE AND WANTON DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY . ATTACK OF JUNE 30 HAS THEREFORE COME AS DEEP SHOCK TO PEOPLE AND GOT FOR INCIDENT HAS STIRRED AFRESH TAUMATIC MEMORIES OF SAVAGE BURUNDI INVASION OF LAST MARCH. GOT CANNOT BE MUTE SPECTATOR TO THESE REPEATED ACTS OF AGGRESSION AND RETAINS RIGHT TO TAKE WHATEVER ACTION IT DEEMS APPROPRIATE TO SAFEQUARD INTEGRITY OF BOTH ITS TERRITORY AND AIR SPACE AS WELL AS PROTECT LIVES OF ITS CITIZENS ALONG BORDER BETWEEN TANZANIA AND BURUNDI.

3. AMBASSADOR MANGONA WAS UNAVAILABLE TO PRESS FOR COMMENT JULY 3
" AS MOST OF DAY HE WAS CONFERRING WITH OFFICIALS OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS."

4. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, BY EVENING JULY 3, TOTAL OF 899 TONS OF CARGO DESTINED FOR BURUNDI AND 364 TONS GENERAL CARGO FOR EXPORT TOGETHER WITH 500 TONS OF COFFEE FOR EXPORT WERE LYING IN DAR ES SALAAM PORT.
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